

H. F. No. 794.

CHAPTER 344.

Game
and fish.

An act for the preservation, propagation, protection, taking, use and transportation of game and fish, and certain harmless birds and animals.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Term of
present com.

SECTION 1. Game and Fish Commission—Appointment—Terms—A state game and fish commission is hereby created, consisting of five (5) members to be appointed by the governor for a term of four (4) years each. Those heretofore appointed pursuant to chapter three hundred thirty-six (336) of the laws of 1903 shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms. Vacancies arising from any cause shall be filled by the governor. Members shall serve without compensation except for necessary expenses to be paid upon an itemized statement thereof duly audited by said commission.

SEC. 2. Office—Said commission shall have an office in the capitol and be supplied with suitable stationery, a seal and blanks and postage for the transaction of its business.

SEC. 3. General Powers—Duties—Said commission shall enforce the laws of this state involving the protection and propagation of all game animals, game birds, fish and harmless birds and animals.

Said commission shall have general charge of—

Propagation
and protection.

1. The propagation and preservation of such varieties of game and fish as it shall deem to be of public value.

Statistics.

2. The collection and diffusion of such statistics and information as shall be germane to the purpose of this act.

Fish
hatcheries.

3. The construction, control and management of all state fish hatcheries, including the control of grounds owned or leased for such purposes.

Spawn or
fry from
U. S. com.
of fisheries
and others.

4. The receiving from the United States commissioner of fisheries or other person, and the gathering, purchase and distribution to the waters of this state, of all fish spawn or fry.

Stocking
of waters.

5. The taking of fish from the public waters of the state for the propagation and stocking of other waters therein.

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in shipping fish, either within or without this state, shall be plainly marked with the name and address of the consignor and consignee, and with the contents of the package.

In counties
of 150,000
and over.

SEC. 51. Sale of Fish Prohibited, When—No person shall sell, have in possession with intent to sell, or offer for sale any fish caught in any lake situated partly or wholly within a county in this state that has a population of one hundred and fifty thousand, or over.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

Fifteen
birds in
one day.

Twenty-five
fish.
Exception.

SEC. 52. Game and Fish Taken in One Day.—No person shall wantonly waste or destroy any of the birds, animals or fish of the kinds mentioned in this chapter. The catching, taking or killing of more than fifteen birds by any one person in any one day, or the catching, taking or killing of more than twenty-five fish by any one person in any one day, except fish caught, taken or killed in the Mississippi river or international waters with nets or seines, as by this chapter permitted, shall be deemed a wanton waste, and destruction of all such birds or fish caught, taken or killed in excess of such number.

Hunting,
etc., pro-
hibited.

SEC. 53. State Parks.—No person shall pursue, hunt, take, catch, or kill any wild bird or animal of any kind within the limits of any territory set apart, designated, used or maintained as a state public park, or within one-half mile of the outer limits thereof or have any such bird or animal or any part thereof in his possession or under his control within said park or within one-half mile of said outer limits.

As to
fire arms.

No person shall have in his possession within any such park or within one-half mile of the outer limits thereof, any gun, revolver, or other firearm unless the same is unloaded, and except after the same has been sealed by the park commissioner or a deputy appointed by him, and except also such gun or other firearm at all times during which it may be lawfully had in such park remains so sealed and unloaded. Upon application to the park commissioner or any deputy appointed by him, it is hereby made his duty to securely seal any gun or firearm in such a manner that it cannot be loaded or discharged without breaking such seal. The provisions of this section shall apply to all persons including Indians.

To residents.

SEC. 54. Sale of Game by Commission—The game and fish commission is hereby authorized to sell to resi-